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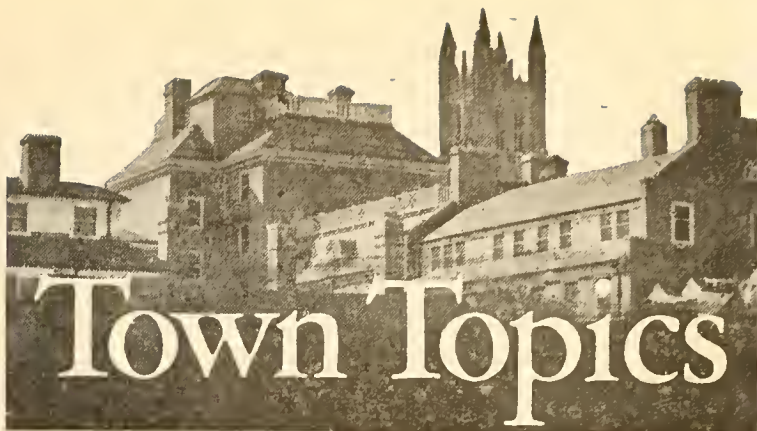
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The son of a Congregational minister and a native of Rutland, Vt., Johnson completed his engineering education at Yale's Sheffield School in 1895 and promptly headed for the wide open spaces. His first job—paying a munificent \$30 a month Mexican—was as rear chain-man with a surveying party of the Mexican International Railroad Company, a south-of-the-border property of the fabulous Collis P. (Southern Pacific) Huntington. A decade later, upon quitting Mexico, he was chief engineer of the Mexican company that was then planning to extend its routes to the country's Pacific coast.

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Commuting between Long Island and Trenton proved to be even more exhausting than life in primitive Latin-American surroundings and in 1914 Johnson moved his family to Princeton, in an era when annual dues of \$20 covered all expenses of a Springdale Golf Club membership, including greens fees. As street railways gradually gave way to buses, with the last Trenton Transit trolley going to the barn in 1934, Johnson became increasingly absorbed in the community life of Trenton and Mercer County. Now President of the Trenton Symphony Association and an elder of Princeton's First Presbyterian Church, he at one time played prominent roles in the programs of eight different service organizations.

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### Topics of the Town

Whither the Weather? New Jersey weather, which is likely to approach perfection only for a six-week Indian Summer from mid-September to October's end, had been raising a ruckus during most of 1948. Not only did the Winter prove to be the worst in a baker's dozen of years but somewhere amid his thermometers, measuring sticks and record books, the heartless Weather Man had mislaid Spring.

By late April, it was more than a topic of conversation; by the third week in May, developments ranged from the disheartening to the ridiculous. Frost was recorded May 7, May 11 saw the temperature sizzle up to 85, May 17 pelted some parts of central New Jersey with hailstones an inch and a half in diameter. With 12 days still to go, rainfall for the month was 6½ inches—more than double normal precipitation.

But there was ample reason for the Pollyanna Association to issue a bulletin: the weather's vicissitudes throughout the Garden State and the nation had not only left crops undamaged but had sent them sprouting on their way to another record year. At a time when an abundant U.S. food supply meant not only lower prices at home but a greater chance for world peace, chronic grumblers could go shout down a well.

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Besides giving you an on-the-spot idea of how the furniture looks in its setting and how it feels for your sitting, the garden has another reason for being. In hospitable fashion Bamberger's welcomes clients who may wish to make it their "town" headquarters. You can dump either packages or yourself, using the garden to consult with architects or such, and even making the picnic table feel at home by eating your lunch on it (bring your own sandwiches, though—food is the only thing which Bamberger's does not provide.)

Incidentally, making a quick move in from gardens to porches, there are new straw rugs to go under the furniture, which is, of course, equally appropriate for a porch. These are a mottled tan or gray, tough, good-looking and not expensive—prices vary naturally with sizes, of which there are many, but a 9 by 12 for \$22.95 is typical.

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The location must be central and standards set by the federal government must be met. The rush to obtain specifications from Mr. Margerum's office was not calculated to jam even the one-way merrygoround at the entrance to the building. Finding 3,000 square feet of space in the Princeton business area would be akin to striking oil at Nassau & Witherspoon Streets.

No Go. It is definite, reports in metropolitan newspapers to the contrary, that the Olympic trials will not come to Lake Carnegie this year. The Schuylkill River at Philadelphia was selected last Winter, has been criticized frequently and said to be dangerous and unpredictable since then, but no shift to Princeton is to occur. Among the primary reasons are large contributions to the Olympic fund by Philadelphia rowing interests.

Sportsminded Princetonians are accordingly faced with a lamentable situation: neither the Carnegie course nor the Palmer Stadium track, recognized as topflight layouts for the two primary types of Olympic competition, are to see action this Summer.

Miscellany. Contrary to reports previously released, Eisenhower received 88 votes from Mercer County in the

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### Saturday, May 22d

- 1:30 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton vs. Manhattan; University Field.  
 3:00-6:00 p.m.: "Country Fair," Princeton Country Day School. (In event of rain, fair will be held Saturday, May 29th.)  
 3:30 p.m.: Lacrosse: Princeton vs. Army; Palmer Stadium.

### Sunday, May 23d

- 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.  
 10:30 a.m.: "The Eighth Commandment," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss, Lutheran Service; Westminster Chapel.  
 11:00 a.m.: University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.  
 Guest Preacher, Dr. Foster Stockwell, president, Union Theological Seminary of Buenos Aires; Methodist Church.  
 "How to Get the Best Out of Life," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.  
 "Making Life Meaningful," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.  
 "Christ's Problem in the Present Crisis," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.  
 "Soul and Body," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
 Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.; Trinity Episcopal Church.  
 7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church.  
 8:00 p.m.: "The Temple of The Living God," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.  
 "Beyond Our Own," the Rev. Dr. Tucker; Second Church.  
 "The Unquenchable Light," the Rev. Galamison; Witherspoon Church.  
 8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Tuesday, May 25th

- 3:15 p.m.: Track: Princeton H. S. vs. Somerville; H.S. Field. Baseball: Princeton H. S. vs. Long Branch; H. S. Field.  
 8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Borough Board of Education; Princeton H.S.

### Wednesday, May 26

- 4:30 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton vs. Fordham; University Field.  
 8:00 p.m.: Devotional Service, Methodist Church.  
 Mid-Week Service, Ladies' Choir of Princeton Seminary; First Church.  
 8:15 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Thursday, May 27th

- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Rummage Sale, Women's Guild, Second Church; Chambers Street Firehouse. Same hours Friday.  
 6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball: Princeton vs. Blawenber; Brokaw Field.

### Friday, May 28th

- 3:15 p.m.: Track and Baseball: Princeton H.S. vs. North Plainfield; H.S. Field.

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## News of the Theatres

### The Playhouse

Letter from an Unknown Woman (Fri., Sat.), casting Joan Fontaine as a young girl whose life is spent eating her heart out for a Viennese roue (Louis Jourdan), has able acting and picturesque settings but is never more than a talky soap opera.

Arch of Triumph (Sun. thru Wed.) gave Charles Boyer & Ingrid Bergman \$5,000,000 and Erich Remarque's best-seller set in the seething Paris of 1939 for their latest film, whose plot follows the activities of political misfits caught in the whirlwind that leads up to war. A badly confused story and the miscasting of the principal players set this picture down with a resounding thud.

Winter Meeting (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is Bette Davis' latest and possibly her worst picture. Its entire theme: a tedious, uninteresting debate between an aristocratic New Englander and an ex-GI of Polish immigrant stock as to whether they should marry.

### The Garden

Bill and Co (Fri., Sat.), though quite saccharine, is a somewhat unusual film portraying the antics of 200 birds, mostly midget parrots, who wear bow ties & hats, run streetcars, taxis, fire engines, and live in "Chirpendale at Birdway & 42nd St." Take the kids.

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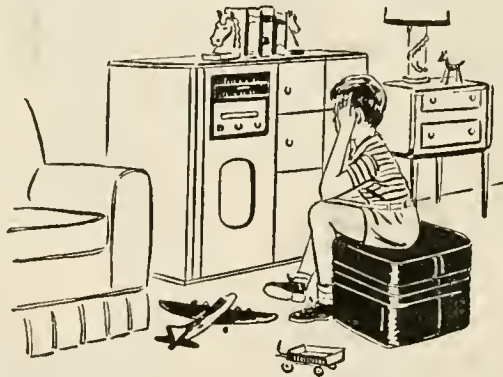
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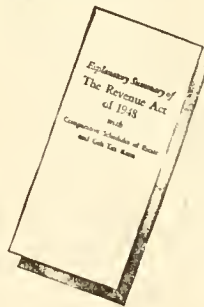
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Don't-Try-It-Yourself Dept.: Harland F. "Pink" Baker '22, who exhibited considerable athletic prowess during his undergraduate days, was judging the hammer throw in the Penn-Princeton freshman track meet Saturday afternoon . . . by way of offering a helpful hint to the Tiger yearling who had just won the event by heaving the 16-pound weight some 125 feet, he took a trial spin which sent the topheavy ball sailing 137 feet through the ozone.

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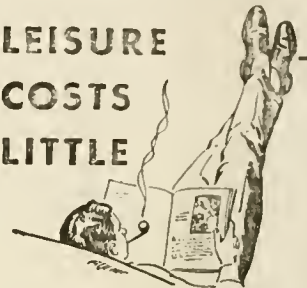
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